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SUBJ: JUMBE ANNOUNCES PROBABLE DATE FOR BEGINNING OF
ASSASSINATION TRIALS

AT A SPECIAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY ON APRIL 7, 1973 AT THE
GRAVE OF SHEIK ABEID AMANI KARUME, TANZANIA'S LATE FIRST
VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ZANZIBAR REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL WHO WAS ASSASSINATED ONE YEAR AGO, TANZANIAN FIRST
VICE- PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE
PERSONS IMPLICATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE
LEADER WILL BE TRIED AT THE END OF APRIL OR EARLY MAY 1973.
JUMBE'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CARRIED AS THE HEADLINE STORY IN
THE APRIL 8, 1973 EDITION OF THE DAR ES SALAAM GOVERNMENT
NEWSPAPER, SUNDAY NEWS.

COMMENT:

JUMBE IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR COMMENCEMENT OF
THE TRIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE TANZANIAN MAINLAND GOVERNMENT OVER THE QUESTION OF
CUSTODY AND TRIAL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 23 PERSONS HELD ON MAINLAND
TANZANIA FOR THEIR ALLEGED ROLE IN THE ASSASSINATION. ACCORDING
TO CONSULATE SOURCES, TANZANIA'S PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE
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HAS STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO SURRENDER THE MAINLAND DETAINEES
TO ZANZIBAR WHOSE LAWS DO NOT PERMIT THE RIGHT OF DEFENSE COUNSEL.
ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED BY JUMBE, IT IS PROBABLE
THAT HE HAS GIVEN UP HOPE OF OBTAINING CUSTODY OF THE MAINLAND
DETAINEES WHICH GROUP INCLUDES FORMER TANZANIAN MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ABDULARAHMAN
BABU, AND HAS DECIDED INSTEAD TO PROCEED TO TRIAL WITH THE
APPROXIMATELY 63 DETAINEES HELD IN ZANZIBAR. GDS
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